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Grandchildren: We have 10 grandchildren

I attended Clark College out of high school and transferred to OSU after 1 year. Was not quite ready for the university life and was invited to leave after 1-1/2 years.

Joined Army Reserves ahead of the draft board and ended up spending nine years.

Started back at Portland State 1967, and ultimately graduated from OSU June 1970.

I worked in retail management in Bakersfield, Fresno, Walnut Creek Calif., Chicago and Dallas before returning to Fresno and then retiring from retail, after a 20 year career. I think I helped to major retailers go out of business.

I then spent 20 years in small business lobbying membership sales. Retired at age 62.

First marriage produced two great sons and lasted 9-1/2 years. They are now 42 and 39. Seven grandkids.

My first wife passed in 2007. Remarried 1982 at the Oakland LDS Temple to Lori, a widow at 24 with two girls ages 3 and 1-1/2 at time. I adopted them. They are 35 and 33 now. They have given us three grandkids from #2 daughter. We also adopted two boys at birth who are now 23 and 16. We have also had three foster kids over the years. (Ever notice how the last child is the most expensive one). And of course, since I went to OSU, youngest son wants to go to U of O.

I manage to stay busy with Rotary (just completed second stint as club president), keeping up with 16-year-old son (great athlete in football and golf) five autos (restoring 1986 300zx Nissan) and way too much yard work on one acre. I also enjoy golf and skiing. My wife, Lori, is into 50, 65 and 100 mile bike runs with a charitable support team.

Lori is elementary school teacher and plans to work another eight years.

Every day is a gift. I get up, read the obits, and if I'm not there, get dressed and go out for another "E" ticket day.

